

RESOLUTION No. 2007-28-535

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN 11-MILE EVERGLADES SKYWAY OVER THE SHARK RIVER SLOUGH PORTION OF THE TAMiami TRAIL IN ORDER TO RESTORE THE NATURAL FLOW OF WATER THROUGH THE HEART OF THE EVERGLADES; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CITY CLERK; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Miami Gardens supports the restoration of America's Everglades, and

WHEREAS, the 70 mile two-lane stretch of Tamiami Trail that links the east and west coasts of South Florida from Miami to Naples cuts through the heart of the Everglades, interrupting the natural flow of water to America's most threatened wetlands wilderness, and

WHEREAS, the City of Miami Gardens recognizes that, in order to protect and enhance the natural flow of water to the Everglades and Florida Bay, the Tamiami Trail, built in 1928, must be transformed into a modern Skyway and environmentally-sound elevated roadway that would allow unrestricted flow and restoration to Shark River Slough, the central artery of the Everglades, and

WHEREAS, the proposed 11-mile Skyway would be similar to what has been built in Louisiana, where visitors to its majestic bayous can proudly view these natural treasures on elevated highways while imposing minimal impact on water flow and wildlife movement, and

WHEREAS, in 2001, the Science Coordination Team of the South Florida Restoration Task Force recommended in a consensus letter to the Army Corps of

Engineers that the preferred alternative is to raise the entire 11-mile section and stated that only by building the Skyway could full restoration be achieved, and

WHEREAS, the 11-mile Skyway over the Everglades would provide a substantial economic benefit to Greater Miami through direct construction and by promoting international tourism,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS: The foregoing Whereas paragraphs are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true, and the same are hereby made a specific part of this Resolution.

Section 2. EXPRESSION OF SUPPORT: The City Council of the City of Miami Gardens supports the construction of an 11-mile Everglades Skyway over the Shark River Slough portion of the Tamiami Trail in order to restore the natural flow of water through the heart of the Everglades.

Section 3. INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CITY CLERK: The City Clerk is hereby authorized to send a certified copy of this Resolution to Florida Governor Charlie Crist, U.S. Senators Bill Nelson and Mel Martinez and U.S. Representatives from Miami-Dade County recommending the 11-mile Skyway.

Section 4. EFFECTIVE DATE: This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its final passage.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS AT ITS REGULAR MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 24, 2007.


SHIRLEY GIBSON, MAYOR

ATTEST:


RONETTA TAYLOR, CMC, CITY CLERK

Prepared by SONJA KNIGHTON DICKENS, ESQ.
City Attorney

SPONSORED BY: MAYOR SHIRLEY GIBSON

MOVED BY: Vice Mayor Braynon
SECONDED BY: Councilman Bratton

VOTE: 7-0

Mayor Shirley Gibson	<u>x</u> (Yes)	___ (No)
Vice Mayor Oscar Braynon, II	<u>x</u> (Yes)	___ (No)
Councilman Melvin L. Bratton	<u>x</u> (Yes)	___ (No)
Councilman Aaron Campbell	<u>x</u> (Yes)	___ (No)
Councilman André Williams	<u>x</u> (Yes)	___ (No)
Councilwoman Sharon Pritchett	<u>x</u> (Yes)	___ (No)
Councilwoman Barbara Watson	<u>x</u> (Yes)	___ (No)

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MEMORANDUM

To: Honorable City Council

From: Shirley Gibson
Mayor

Date: January 24, 2007

Re: Resolution supporting Construction of an 11 Mile Everglades Skyway over the Shark River Slough portion of the Tamiami Trail.

This resolution supports the construction of an 11-mile Everglades Skyway over the Shark River Slough portion of the Tamiami Trail in order to restore the natural flow of water through the heart of the Everglades.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Council approve this resolution.

**J-3) CONSENT AGENDA
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